

Family Readiness Group Newsletter

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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169th Signal Company BY CPT JONG CHUNG Commander -

Happy New Year!

I want to congratulate every 'A Cut Above' family members on the job well done last year, and I want to thank you. It was busy, tough at times, but most of all a lot of fun.

2003 is finally here, and I am sure it will be another exciting year as well. Our mission continues, and we now provide extra help to ensure the security of

Camp Walker. With our comrades deploying to the Middle East and nuclear weapons talk regarding North Korea, we have to more vigilant and keep each other informed of what is going on.

This training quarter will be very eventful. We will host the Battalion Information Technology Olympics. Those who are competent in computers and networks will participate and shine. We will support RSO & I, a major simulation exercise. It is one of the two major exercises that we support in the peninsula; we will do that confidently and

safely. We will also participate in another Courageous Channel exercise, a Non-combatant Evacuation Exercise. So folks in the peninsula, please get your packets ready.

Folks in the States, I really appreciate the support for your loved ones, and please keep the E-Mails, phone calls, and gifts flowing in. You are the greatest morale booster here and the reason why we proudly serve here in Korea.

Again, Happy New Year! And 'A Cut Above'

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

BY SSG ROBIN WATSON

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is celebrated on the third Monday of January. It commemorates the birthday of this great preacher and Civil Rights Activist.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was born on January 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia. King, a Baptist Preacher and American Civil Rights Leader, preached non-violence and

worked to bring about social, political and economic equality for African-American citizens. His eloquent pleas for racial justice in the 1950's and 1960's won the support of millions of people both black and white. He won the Nobel Peace prize in 1964 for leading the black struggle for equality through non-violence.

Dr. King rejected separatism

and campaigned against poverty. He married Coretta Scott in 1953 and began his Civil Rights Crusade in 1955. He boycotted, marched, preached and conducted sit-in demonstrations in the pursuit of racial equality. Congress enacted the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 partly because of these efforts.

He built a program

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169TH Signal Company First Sergeant - 1SG Stephen Dalton



1SG Dalton

TEAM 169,

Happy New Year, here it is 2003! I'm sorry to say a lot of our soldiers are still doing guard duty on the perimeter of Camp Walker, but the good news is the construction on the perimeter walls are coming along quite nicely, local demonstrations are ebbing and Pro-US demonstrations are on the rise. All of these are indicators that the guard force requirements may be lessened or eliminated in the near future, but even if it isn't I know you'll continue to do the best you possibly can. I'd like to thank all the NCOs and Officers that gave up a few hours on Christmas Day to pull guard duty and give the soldiers a few hours of relief. But most of all I'd like to thank the soldiers and NCOs that do this mission day in and day out without complaint.

BY 1SG STEPHEN DALTON

Get ready for a busy quarter, January, February and March will see, NCO Week, RSO&I exercise, IT competition, the company FTX and many other opportunities for our soldiers to excel!

Congratulations to SGT Warker, PFC Hong, PFC Cruz, SPC Nopp and SPC Chavis on their promotions. Remember that a promotion is given to recognize the expected potential for increased responsibilities, oh, and a little more pay. Good luck to SGT Warker and SPC Wahl at the Primary Leadership Development Course (PLDC) this month, you can track their progress on the EUSA NCOA web page, <http://ncoa.korea.army.mil/1.html>

Until next month!

1SG Stephen L. Dalton



Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday



The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. acknowledges the crowd at the Lincoln Memorial for his "I Have a Dream" speech during a march on Washington, D.C., on Aug. 28, 1963.

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of non-violence by combining Christian teachings, Thoreau's social ideas and Gandhi's methods of non-violence. His life was constantly in danger.

He was stabbed in New York City, stoned in Chicago and assassinated on April 4, 1968 by James Earl Ray.

August 28, 1963, Dr. King marched from the Washing-

ton monument to the Lincoln Memorial and delivered one of his most memorable speeches. "I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal."

He was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, posthumously in 1977 for his efforts in fighting prejudice. In

1986, the United States Congress established a national holiday to honor Dr. King. It is held the third Monday in January.

"A CUT ABOVE"

Chaplain's Corner

BY CHAPLAIN DANIEL HUSAK

Greetings to the soldiers and family members of 169th Signal Company. I hope you enjoyed the holidays and are ready for 2003. So... did you make any New Year's Resolutions? It's been over a week since New Year's Day... have you broken any resolutions yet?

I have to tell you, that's my problem with New Year's Resolutions. People think that if you break a resolution, then you have to wait until next year to try again. That's simply not true. I heard on the news that the number one resolution is to lose

weight. The second is to quit smoking. Let's say you decide to quit smoking. And let's say you make it through the first week. But somewhere in the second week of January you slip up and light up. Why in the world would you think that you have to wait until 2004 to try again?!

That probably wasn't your resolution. However, everyone has something that they could do better if they set their mind to it. So what's wrong with starting today? Maybe you slipped up on a resolution already. Okay, so what's wrong

with starting over today? I say that today is the best day ever to start doing what's right.

Resolve to improve yourself in some way. Continue your education, improve your PT score, become more proficient at your job, become a better spouse/parent, go to church, read your Bible, pray more. These are just a few ideas. You know what you need to do. So do it. And start today.



NCO/Soldier of the Month

BY LACHANDRA MARTINEZ

The NCO/soldier of the month board was held on 27 December 2002. The soldier of the month is PFC Jefferey Flinchum. He will have an opportunity to compete for NCO/Soldier of the Quarter for 169th Signal Company. The winner for the 1st Quarter Board 2002 was SPC Bobbie

Wahl. She then went on to the Soldier of the Quarter Board for 1st Signal Brigade NCO/Soldier of the Quarter Board.

Congratulations on a job well done!



SGT Lynn helps SPC Coleman prepare for the SOM board.

169th Signal Company January Birthdays

We would like to wish the following individuals a Happy Birthday:

SPC JOSE A. NATALI
SPC JONATHAN E. FOSTER
SGT KENTRELL R. WILSON
SPC EDUARDO E. PENA
SGT YOON, SUNG CHUL
PFC EBONY N. BRYANT
PFC EQUESHA S. CHAVIS
PV2 CARY W. DEMONT SMITH

MR. TERRY L. MALILAY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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Shuttle Bus Schedule to Osan Air Base

Effective 10 Dec 01, contract shuttle bus between Taegu and Osan Air Base will be running. This is a **one-way** shuttle bus service designated for PCS/TDY personnel and their family members departing out of Osan on Patriot Express. Bus will be running on Mondays and Wednesdays as scheduled below:

<u>Stop Location</u>	<u>Departure</u>	<u>Est.Arrival</u>
Camp Henry 20th ASG HQ, Bldg 1211	1000	
Camp Walker, Rec Center, Bldg S335	1030	
Camp Carroll, Rec Center, Bldg S110	1130	
Osan Air Base, Billeting, Bldg 771		1600

Note: Passengers must arrive 15 minutes prior to departure - the bus will be departing on schedule to accommodate subsequent stops elsewhere.

***FORCE PROTECTION
LEVEL: BRAVO +***

COMMUNITY NEWS!!

BY LACHANDRA MARTINEZ



Mr. Pak from Supply



Chewy, the company mascot



169TH Personnel

Got a new ID Card!?

Don't become archived in the Biometric Identification System (BIDS)

If you receive a new ID card or your DEROS has changed be sure to update your status at you local Pass & ID office located at Bldg 1715 Camp Henry or local BIDS registration center located at Bldg. S410 Camp Walker
Has your DEROS changed!?

Getting Married in Korea?

Consular Officers at the Embassy are not authorized to perform marriages, but can assist U.S. Citizens with the paperwork necessary for a legal marriage in Korea. A common misunderstanding is that you will be married at the Embassy. You & your fiancée will be married under the laws of Korea through the local ward Office. Marriage in Korea is a civil procedure. A religious ceremony, while often more meaningful, does not create a legal marriage in Korea. Need More Information? Contact the US Embassy, Seoul: <http://usembassy.state.gov/seoul/www2510.html#ward>. Review Eighth Army pamphlet 600-240, Commander's Guide to Pre-Marital Counseling and contact your local legal office.

KOREAN LANGUAGE CLASS

Mondays and Wednesdays, 1200-1300. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1730-1830.

FITNESS

2002-2003 Taegu Area Intra-mural Company Level Basketball Playoff Championship: January 16-18

2003 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Taegu Area Basketball Tournament January 18-20

OSAN SHOPPING

MWR is sponsoring a bus to Osan for shopping on 21 November 2002. Fee is \$10.00 per person. The bus will depart Camp Walker at 0600.